

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Prohibition and Excise Department - Certain deaths occurred due to consumption of illicit liquor by the villagers in Amalapuram Mandal & Ambajipet Mandal, East Godavari District between 24.1.2010 to 26.1.2010 - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, Prohibition & Excise Sub-Inspector, Amalapuram, East Godavari District - Charges - Imposition of penalty of stoppage of three annual grade increments without cumulative effect - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1255

Dated:02.09.2010.

Read the following:-

1. From the C.PE, Letter Cr.No. Special-Peshi/2010, Dated 27.1.2010.
2. G.O.Ms.No.476, Revenue (Vig.V) Dept. Dt:29.5.2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No.791, Revenue (Vig.V) Dept. Dt:29.5.2010.
4. From Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, former P&E Sub-Inspector, Amalapuram and presently working at Yedurulanka check post, Amalapuram Unit, EG Dist., written statement of defence dt:28.7.2010.

ORDER:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that (18) deaths occurred due to consumption of adulterated liquor by the villagers of G. Agraharam, Musalapally villages of Ambajipet Madal and Palagummi and Bandaru Lanka villages of Amalapuram Mandal between 24.1.2010 to 26.1.2040 and (178) persons were reported to have been hospitalized in the tragic incident. Government, after considering the report and the seriousness involved in the matter, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against the responsible P&E personnel for their gross negligence in conducting checks and detecting the sale of illicit liquor in the jurisdictions of Ambajipet & Amalapuram Mandals, East Godavari District under rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 2nd read above. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, the following charges were framed against Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, former Prohibition & Excise Sub-Inspector, Amalapuram, East Godavari District with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge-I That, the said Sri V.Veerabhadra Rao, Prohibition and Excise Sub Inspector SHO.Amalapuram has derelicted his duties which led to consumption of illicit liquor by the villagers of G. Agraharam, Musalapally villages of Ambajipeta Mandal and Palagummi and Bandaru Lanka Villages of Amalapuram Mandal between 24-1-2010 to 26-1-2010 and caused death of (18) persons and hospitalization of (178) persons. Thus, he has exhibited gross negligence towards his legitimate duties

Charge-II That, the said Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, Prohibition and Excise Sub-Inspector SHO.Amalapuram has failed to control illicit distillation crime effectively in his jurisdiction which led to the above tragedy and thereby neglected his legitimate duties.

2. In the reference 4th read above, Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, former Prohibition and Excise Sub-Inspector and presently working at Yedurulanka check post, Amalapuram Unit, E.G. dist., has submitted his written statement of defence on the above two charges. He has stated that he joined as P&E Sub-Inspector, Amalapuram on 24.10.2008. He has further stated that he is not independent officer and stated that he worked as per the instructions of SHO. He has finally stated that he never

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showed negligence towards his duties and requested the Government to drop the charge against him.

3. Government have examined the matter and observed that it is not a case of loss of revenue to recoup and it is a loss of human life. Government observed that the field functionaries such as the Accused Officer utterly failed in controlling I.D liquor and its adulteration with Methanol which caused the death of 18 persons and hospitalization of 178 persons. Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, P&E Sub-Inspector, being the concerned field officer, failed to control the brewing and sale of illicit liquor. Hence, Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, former P&E Sub-Inspector, Amalapuram and presently working at Vedurulanka check post, Amalapuram Unit, EG. Dist., is responsible for not conducting proper checks / raids and also detecting the sale of illicit liquor in his jurisdiction due to which 18 persons lost their lives and 178 persons were hospitalized.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter and also the reasons mentioned at para 3 above, have decided to impose a penalty of stoppage of three annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, former Prohibition & Excise Sub-Inspector, Amalapuram and presently working at Vedurulanka check post, Amalapuram Unit, EG. District.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of stoppage of three annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, former Prohibition & Excise Sub-Inspector, Amalapuram and presently working at Vedurulanka check post, Amalapuram Unit, EG. Dist., under clause (iv) of rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

6. The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V. Veerabhadra Rao, former Prohibition & Excise Sub-Inspector, Amalapuram and presently working at Vedurulanka check post, Amalapuram Unit, EG. Dist.,
through the Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad
The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad.

(He is requested to serve the same on the individual and return
the acknowledgment copy)

Copy to:

PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
The Revenue (Excise I) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER.